(b) The proposal was not based on techno-economic feasibility study. Hence, it was not considered for assistance under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). Later, the State Govt. sought assistance under CSS for conducting techno-economic feasibility study from the point of view of inland water transportation in river Gomti in Lucknow City. This proposal of the State Government has been approved.

Establishment of National Maritime Complex

1245. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to establish a National Maritime Complex at Semancheri, near Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that proposed maritime complex would also accommodate the regional office of the Marine Mercantile Department; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) (a) to (d) Government proposes to establish a National Maritime Complex at Chennai. It is, however, premature at this stage to give the details.

National Highways in Chhattisgarh

†1246. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh have forwarded proposals regarding strengthening and widening of National Highways situated in the State, if so, the numbers thereof;

(b) whether Central Government have formulated any plan in this regard.

(c) if so, the road map and time limit thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes,

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Sir. Eight proposals have been received from the State PWD of Chhattisgarh for strengthening and widening of National Highways in the State. The above proposals are included in the Annual Plan 2005-06.

Regulatory framework for SSIs

†1247. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considerign to formulate a regulatory framework related to the Small Scale Industries so that it may grow in a competitive environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also contemplating to implement the single window clearance system to establish Small Scale Industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government are also contemplating to raise the financial limit of those units from Rs. 5 crore so that they may continue to be covered under the small scale?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (b) Government has introduced the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bill, 2005 in Lok sabha in May 2005 with a view, *inter alia*, to enhancing the competitiveness and facilitating the promotion and developrnent of small and medium enterprises. This Bill also provides for simplifying and harmonizing the existing regulatory framework for small enterprises.

(c) and (d) Being primarily responsible for promotion and development of small scale industries, the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implement various measures, including single window clearance system, to facilitate the establishment of small scale industries.

(e) The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bill, 2005 defines a small enterprise engaged in manufacturing as one in which the investment in plant and machinery, excluding land and building, is up to Rs. 5 crore.

SSIs in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

†1248. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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